



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

MINUTES OF THE 695th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 695th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on August 14, 2008 in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul A. Jacobs, Chair
Ann Jackson, Vice Chair
Andrew Friedman
Nelson L. Atkins
Neal S. Millard
David C. Voss, Jr.
Gary L. Barr
William J. Galloway
Dennis P. Zine

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Bertrum M. CeDillos
Sylvia Scott-Hayes
Clifton W. Albright
Annie Huang

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Samuel Dacus, Captain, Sheriff's Department
Laura Green, Office of the Public Defender
Bernard Barber, Detective, Los Angeles Police Department

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court Representative
Margaret Little, Superior Court Representative
James Endman, Superior Court Representative

GUEST(S)

None

STAFF

Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff
Martha Arana, Commission Staff

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Jacobs called the 695th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Commissioner Galloway. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of July 10, 2008 were approved as submitted.

RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONER NELSON L. ATKINS

Chair Jacobs presented Commissioner Atkins with a Scroll in recognition of his exceptional service to the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Safe Child Custody Exchange Program Update

Chair Jacobs reported the following:

- He and Commissioners Atkins and Millard met with Supervisor Antonovich and his Justice Deputy Anna Pembedjian regarding the Safe Child Custody Exchange Program. Supervisor Antonovich and Deputy Pembedjian expressed an interest in the program and suggested that there may be a social services agency in the area operating under an existing grant that may be able to provide the service. Deputy Pembedjian will research alternative financing.
- Commissioner Atkins estimated a yearly cost of \$65,000 to \$75,000 from each Supervisorial District would be required to operate the program. Commissioner Millard stated Deputy Pembedjian suggested the Commission contact Judge Aviva Bobb of the Superior Court to inquire about additional funding sources.
- Commissioner Atkins stated that the Captain and ranking officers at the Temple City Sheriff Station were excited and supportive of the Safe Child Custody Exchange Program.
- Margaret Little, Superior Court Representative, stated that grant funds are often given for the purpose of starting a project and are sometimes limited to one to three years. Finding someone to fund the program every year could be difficult.

- Commissioner Millard suggested contacting Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law section for program funding. Chair Jacobs stated that Bea Dieringer was recently appointed Trustee of the Bar Association. Vice Chair Jackson stated that the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation donated funds to the Airport Child Waiting Room Project. Chair Jacobs requested Commissioner Millard provide him with the contact information.
- Vice Chair Jackson stated that she is in the preliminary stages of developing a proposal for a Safe Child Custody Exchange Center in Supervisor Yaroslavsky's district, and once a location and provider have been identified, she will present a proposal to his Justice Deputy. She also reported that there are two Sheriffs stations in Supervisor Yaroslavsky's district, one in Lost Hills and one in West Hollywood, but neither have available space to accommodate the program. However, the Commission, with the assistance of Detective Barber, will check on possible LAPD stations in the District that might be appropriate.
- Commissioner Zine recommended fire stations and suggested reviewing public facilities in the cities of Van Nuys and San Fernando.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

No report was given.

Goals and Future Agendas

Chair Jacobs asked the Commissioners for any projects or programs they would like to pursue.

Margaret Little, Superior Court Representative, proposed a program for the elderly, managed by Superior Court Conservatorship. Superior Court Probate Investigators visit the elderly on annual or bi-annual basis to make sure they are receiving the appropriate level of care. Many of these elderly people particularly those individuals who are under Conservatorship with the Los Angeles County Public Guardian are destitute. Ms. Little suggested establishing a fund to provide assistance to these individuals to grant some small items, such as a plant, radio or reading materials that the County is not in a position to provide would be a worthwhile endeavor of the Commission and would have a meaningful impact on the lives of these individuals.

Zoe Venhuizen, Court Representative, suggested naming the program Delight a Needy Conservatee (DANCE). Commissioner Millard stated that the County Bar Association has an elder law committee that may be able to provide assistance.

December Meeting Date and Location

Chair Jacobs asked Commission members for suggestions on the December meeting luncheon. Commissioner Atkins suggested getting a commitment from Commissioners who are planning to attend the meeting luncheon. Chair Jacobs directed staff to contact Commissioner Atkins to coordinate the luncheon.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Chair Jacobs requested moving the October 9, 2008 JPC meeting to October 16, 2008 due to Jewish Holiday, Yom Kippur.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 695th meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 1:15 p.m.